

SA 3 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIRD ADELANTE YOUNG MEN CONFERENCE

By Alfredo Larios, Service Area 3 District Chief



On Monday, October 14, 2013, Alfredo Larios, Service Area 3 District Chief (Conference Chair) joined Commander John Perez, Pasadena Police Department (Board President of the Pasadena Youth Center) and Teen Advisory Members – William Villalobos, Jonathan Villalobos and Carlos Chico – provided information on this year's third annual Adelante Young Men (AYM) Conference on Saturday, November 9th event over the air waves on 93.9/EXITOS radio.

The interview was conducted by Ignacio "Nachin" Sandoval and Raquel "RaqC" Cordova during their radio show. The group was able to promote the great success that the conference has had during these past two years in reaching out to the Latino youth of SA 3 in providing information on higher education, i.e. financial aid, the application process, and 4-year and 2-year colleges. The youth are also provided with the opportunity to attend workshops regarding careers and educational needs in order to achieve these. To help the youth achieve their educational goals, the conference also provides workshops for the parents in both Spanish and English in order to educate them about the real possibilities for their sons to go to college!

The conference also provides inspiration to the youth by having keynote speakers who have overcome many of the same obstacles encountered in their quest for higher education. **This year's event will feature - Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ray Santana and our very own Deputy Director, Dr. Tony Beliz.** Though the conference

focuses primarily on Latino youth, the event is open to all male youth from middle and high schools.

The Adelante Young Men Conference is set for Saturday, November 9th at Pasadena City College from 7:30AM to 3PM (www.adelanteyoungmen.org). It is expected that this year's event will draw 1200 attendees and continue to prove a success for the community!

The conference is sponsored by the Pasadena Youth Center who also sponsors the Adelante Mujer Latina (AML) Conference in the spring for Latina youth. So, mark your calendars for that as well!